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1. Kindl Training Area (H97)

The Kindl training area is also called Kunkel by the natives. It lies 15 km northeast of Eisenach, bordering the villages of Grossenlupnitz (H86), Wenigenlupnitz (H86), Ebenheim (H96), Grossen Behringen (H97), and Oesterbehringen (H97). The airfield is directly north of Grossenlupnitz.

2. Altenburg (K27), 21-22 March 1949

a. Total capacity of the Artillerie and Infanterie Kasernen is 3,000 men. Both barracks appear fully occupied by troops wearing black tabs/red piping and an insignia showing two crossed grenades. Nearly all of them wear war decorations. No recruits were seen. There was no vehicle traffic at the infantry barracks.

b. Five 152 mm guns and three 370 mm heavy howitzers were observed being hauled by tractors from the artillery barracks to the infantry compound. In one of the infantry barracks sheds, troops were cleaning three AT guns.

c. Traffic at the artillery barracks included vehicles in series B 2-68, B 2-69, and C 4-52.

d. In source's opinion, the artillery troops may belong to a corps in Naumburg because, he says, heavy howitzers are attached only at corps level.

e. The artillery ammunition dump is located 800 meters north of Altenburg on the Altenburg-Windischleuba road. It consists of 14 bunkers and 4 watch towers. A local resident claims that the dump is fully stocked.

f. Altenburg airfield lies 5 km east of the town and next to the Leina forest. It is occupied by approximately 500 troops. There is no concrete runway. No flying activity was observed. Vehicles carrying flight personnel were in the T 3-03 series.

3. Zeitz (K08), 24 March

Two barracks on the Wienerstrasse are held by approximately 1,500 tank troops whose vehicles are in the F 2-74, F 1-20, and F 1-21 series. One of five tank sheds contained ten JS-1 and JS-2 tanks and eight T-34/85 were observed on the road.

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4. Gera (K06), 25-26 March

a. While traveling to Altenburg on 21 March, source observed the unloading of a tank unit at Gera. Approximately 20 vehicles, including 6 trucks with 132 mm rocket launchers, were unloaded while approximately 250 troops detrained from 6 cars. Troops wore black tabs/red piping. Vehicles were in the B 2-70 series.

b. Returning to Gera, 25-26 March, source found that the above unit had moved into the Infanterie Kaserne on the Maxim-Gorkistrasse. Its arrival brought strength up to approximately 1,100 men of whom 60% in source's estimate, are recruits. The same barracks also holds 400 men of a horse drawn unit who have been in residence for more than one year.

c. No carts or tanks were seen. Vehicles were in series B 2-70, C 4-52, and C 4-53 series.

5. Tinz (K06)

Approximately 500 troops wearing black tabs belong to a horse drawn unit in the Panzer Kaserne. Considerable traffic of horse carts was observed between this and the Gera barracks. The Tinz unit has no motor vehicles.

6. Zwätzen (J77), 29-31 March

a. Of 1,500 men in the Kradschützen Kaserne, half are recruits and half wear war decorations. Twenty-four SU-100 and ten 85 mm AA guns were in the compound. Troops were observed drilling and source notes that the general conduct of officers and EM made an excellent impression. Vehicles: B 2-72 and B 2-73 series.

7. Löbstedt (J76), 30-31 March

Source believes that 70% of Löbstedt's 2,000 troops are recruits. Two trucks with 132 mm rocket projectors were numbered B 2-72-15 and 16. Other vehicles: B 2-74, C 4-54, C 4-59, and C 4-35 series. Local residents report the presence of tanks in the sheds but no count was possible and only turret shadows were seen through windows.

8. Weimar (J57), 1-2 April

a. Lützendorferstrasse Kaserne: Observation of all Weimar barracks proved difficult. This barracks, which has a capacity of 2,500 men, is occupied by troops wearing black tabs/red piping. Vehicles: C 4-61, C 4-62, and C 4-61 series.

b. Nachrichten Kaserne: Troops wearing black tabs/red piping and equipped with vehicles in series B 2-75 and C 4-59. Soldiers wearing plain black tabs drove vehicles in the C 4-60 series.

c. Flak Kaserne: Approximately 1,500 men. The total includes 40% recruits. Some Mongols are among them. A local resident claims that twenty 100 mm AA guns recently entered this compound. Vehicles: C 4-55 series.

d. An ammunition dump is located 10 km north of Weimar, direction Ransla (J47), at the edge of a woods within the artillery range.

9. Bindersleben (J36)

Up to 4 April, no additional paratroops arrived at Bindersleben. So far as is known, earlier arrivals went to the Kindl training area. A casual source claims that paratroops recently arrived in Leipzig. §§

## Comments

§ Source also reports the presence of 23 jet aircraft but fails to identify them.

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